

Ghana man drowns during baptism

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In Summary

- Accra Regional Police Command still searching for the head pastor of the church involved in the baptism
- The drowning has led many people to question why a life should be lost during a religious ritual

A 20-year-old man has drowned while being baptised by a pastor in a river south of Ghana's capital, Accra.

In a video

circulating on social media, Yaw Kyeremeh is seen stationed at the banks of River Densu together with a pastor who immersed him in the water.

Then after brief prayers he was immersed a second time but he did not emerge from the waters.

Accra Regional Police Command spokeswoman Afia Tenge told the BBC a junior pastor had been arrested at the scene while police were still searching for the head pastor of the church involved in the baptism.

A mortuary

The drowning, which happened on Sunday, has led many people to question why a life should be lost during a religious ritual.

The man's family is quoted by local media as saying that it does not blame anyone for the drowning.

Police said the 20-year-old's body was in a mortuary, and an autopsy still needed to be done before it was given to the family for burial.

